

REMARKS

Claims 58 to 63 now are pending in the subject application, the independent claims being Claims 58 and 60. Claim 1 to 57 previously have been cancelled.

Claims 58 to 63 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,497,194 (Sakagami), in view of Japanese Publication No. 06-231023 (Saito) further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,788,507 (Redford). With regard to the pending claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Pending independent Claim 58 is directed to a recording device that records at least one of image data and voice data on a detachable recording medium. In the recording device, a selection unit selects a generation condition of image data or voice data. A generating unit generates image data or voice data according to the selected generation condition. A retrieving unit retrieves information pre-recorded in the detachable recording medium that determines a file name. A file name determining unit determines a file name by combining a character selected according to the selected generation condition and a serial number in accordance with the information retrieved from the detachable recording medium. A recording unit records, on the detachable recording medium, a file including the generated image data or voice data using the file name determined by the file name determining unit.

Pending independent Claim 60 is directed to a method of recording at least one of image data and voice data on a detachable recording medium. According to the method, a generation condition of image data or voice data is selected and image data or voice data is generated according to the selected generation condition. Information pre-recorded in the detachable recording medium for determining a file name is retrieved and a file name is

determined by combining a character selected according to the selected generation condition and a serial number in accordance with the information retrieved from the detachable recording medium. A file including the generated image data or voice data is recorded on the detachable recording medium using the determined file name.

In Applicant's view, Sakagami et al. discloses an electronic camera has an image converting device, a voice converting device, an image data compressing and expanding device, a voice data compressing and expanding device and a single digital/analog converter. A sample-holding device sample-holds and outputs the analog sound signals. A pedestal level generating device generates signals indicative of pedestal levels. A change-over switching device connects the voice data compressing and expanding device to the sample-holding means when causing the pedestal level generating device to output the signals indicative of pedestal levels and connected the image data compressing and expanding device to the single digital/analog converter when causing the pedestal level generating device to prevent the outputting of the signals indicative of the pedestal level.

In Applicant's opinion, Saito discloses an information recorder, and discloses a system and method for determining a file title for storing a data file in a detachable recording medium in which a user designates one part of a file name and the other part is determined in a camera.

Redford et al., in Applicant's view discloses a remote control for an interactive media that can include a printed publication and/or a storage media and/or a data button. The remote control may have a printed publication (such as a book, magazine or a catalog) and one or more buttons physically attached to the printed publication to allow users to remotely control use of associated electronic content by a host device. The remote control may have a housing capable

of removably holding a storage media encoded with electronic content associated with a button of the remote control. Alternatively, the remote control has at least one data button which permits the user to select the data to be displayed by the host device. An autostart driver in the host device detects insertion of a storage media into a peripheral and automatically starts an application. The application interprets button codes transmitted by the remote control and displays the results or initiates other events. An application development system allows an author to quickly create interactive media applications.

According to the invention defined in Claims 58 and 60, information on a file determining means that determines a file name is recorded on a detachable recording medium (e.g., a memory card) and generated image data or voice data is recorded on the same detachable recording medium. Advantageously, the recording of generated data on the memory card that already has recorded thereon the information for determining a file name allows each memory card to have a file name that is integrated with the data.

Sakagami et al. may disclose an IC memory 12 of a card type that is detachably attached to a camera body to photograph, record and reproduce a still picture and record and reproduce a voice but is devoid of any suggestion of recording, on a detachable recording medium, a file including generated image data or voice data using a determined file name obtained by retrieving information pre-recorded in the detachable recording medium as in Claims 58 and 60. Saito only teaches that part of a name can be set by manual operation in a digital still camera (par. 24) and is arbitrarily selected by a user while a part of the name is set in the camera. The Saito disclosure, however, fails to teach or suggest the feature of Claims 58 and 60 of recording, on a detachable recording medium, a file including generated image data or voice data

using a determined file name obtained by retrieving information pre-recorded in the detachable recording medium. Redford et al. may teach using a TIF extension for an image file and a WAV extension for a sound file but is directed away from and fails to suggest anything about recording image or voice data on a detachable recording medium using a file name determined according to information pre-recorded in the detachable recording medium as in Claims 58 and 60.

With regard to the cited combination, Sakagami et al., Saito, and Redford et al. are all devoid of any suggestion of the feature of Claims 58 and 60 of recording generated data on a detachable recording medium which has already had recorded thereon information for determining a file name. Accordingly, it is not seen that the addition of Redford et al.'s use of TIF extension for an image file and a WAV extension for a sound file to Saito's user selection of a part of a file name and another part of the file name being stored in a camera to Sakagami et al.'s IC card type memory detachably attached to a camera body to photograph, record and reproduce a still picture and record and reproduce a voice without any pre-recorded information for use in determining a file name on the card recording image or voice data could possible suggest the feature of Claims 58 and 60 of recording, on a detachable recording medium, a file including generated image data or voice data using a determined file name obtained by retrieving information pre-recorded in the detachable recording medium. It is therefore believed that pending Claims 58 and 60 are completely distinguished from any combination of Sakagami et al., Saito and Redford et al. and are allowable.

Applicant submits that the present invention, as recited in independent claims 58 and 60, also is patentably defined over the cited art.


For the reasons noted above, Applicant submits that the present invention, as recited in claims 58-63 should be deemed allowable.

Applicant submits that this Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection clearly places this application in condition for allowance and was not earlier presented because Applicant believed that the prior Amendment placed the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the instant Request for Reconsideration, as an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is requested under 37 CFR 1.116.

Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action and an early notice of allowance are also requested.

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